

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN
FIRE DISTRICT**

**REQUEST FOR
PRE-QUALIFICATION OF
BIDDERS FOR
PUBLIC WORKS
FIRE STATION 29
PROJECT**

REQUEST FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS COMMENCING WITH FORTHCOMING PUBLIC WORK BID

Notice is hereby given that the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (District) has determined that all bidders on Fire Station 29 be pre-qualified prior to submitting a bid on this project. The District intends to solicit bids to construct one (1) new fire station. The successful bidder will be awarded a contract to construct one fire station. It is anticipated that the bid packages for Fire Station 29 will be available in July 2007 with a subsequent bid at a later date. The District reserves the right to modify the bid schedule. Construction of the fire station is estimated to begin within 60 days of the bid openings. For a description of the scope of the work for Fire Stations 29, refer to "Attachment A".

It is mandatory that all Contractors who intend to submit a bid fully complete the pre-qualification questionnaire, provide all materials requested herein, and be approved by the District to be on the final qualified Bidders' list. No bid will be accepted from a Contractor that has failed to comply with these requirements. If two or more business entities submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, or expect to submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, each entity within the Joint Venture must be separately qualified to bid. Fully completed questionnaires must be submitted to the District no later than the final filing date. Contractors are encouraged to submit pre-qualification packages as soon as possible.

Answers to questions contained in the attached questionnaire, information about current bonding capacity, notarized statement from surety, and the most recent reviewed or audited financial statements, with accompanying notes and supplemental information are required. The District will use these documents as the basis of rating Contractors in respect to the size and scope of contracts upon which each Contractor is qualified to bid. The District reserves the right to investigate other available sources. The District's decision will be based on objective evaluation criteria.

The District reserves the right to adjust, increase, limit, suspend or rescind the pre-qualification rating based on subsequently learned information. Contractors whose rating changes sufficient to disqualify them will be notified, and provided an opportunity for a hearing consistent with the hearing procedures described below for appealing a pre-qualification rating.

While it is the intent of the pre-qualification questionnaire and documents required herein to assist the District in determining bidder responsibility prior to bid, and to aid the District in selecting the lowest responsible responsive bidder, neither the fact of pre-qualification, nor any pre-qualification rating, will preclude the District from a post-bid consideration and determination of whether a bidder has the quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the proposed work, and has demonstrated the requisite trustworthiness.

The pre-qualification packages must be submitted under seal and marked:

“CONFIDENTIAL PRE-QUALIFICATION SUBMITTAL FOR FIRE STATIONS”

Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
2101 Hurley Way
Sacramento, CA 95825-3208
Attention: Charlotte Tilson, Board Clerk

Final Filing Date for Submission of Documents: No later than 2:00 PM PDT, June 8, 2007.

The pre-qualification packages (questionnaire answers and financial statements) submitted by Contractors are not public records and are not open to public inspection. All information provided will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. However, the contents may be disclosed to third parties for purpose of verification, or investigation of substantial allegations, or in the appeal hearing. State law requires that the names of contractors applying for pre-qualification status shall be public records subject to disclosure, and the first page of the questionnaire will be used for that purpose.

Each questionnaire must be signed under penalty of perjury in the manner designated at the end of the form, by an individual who has the legal authority to bind the Contractor on whose behalf that person is signing. If any information provided by a Contractor becomes inaccurate, the Contractor must immediately notify the District and provide updated accurate information in writing, under penalty of perjury.

The District reserves the right to waive minor irregularities and omissions in the information contained in the pre-qualification application submitted, to make all final determinations, and to determine at any time that the pre-qualification procedures will not be applied to a specific future public works project.

Contractors may submit pre-qualification packages during regular working hours on any day that the offices of the District are open prior to the final filing date. Contractors who submit a complete pre-qualification package will be notified of their qualification status ***no later than fifteen business days after submission of the information.***

The District may refuse to grant pre-qualification where the requested information and materials are not provided, or not provided by the final filing date. There is no appeal from a refusal for an incomplete or late application, but re-application for a later project is permitted. The closing time for bids will not be changed in order to accommodate supplementation of incomplete submissions, or late submissions.

Where a timely and completed application results in a rating below that necessary to pre-qualify, an appeal can be made. An appeal is begun by the Contractor delivering written notice to the District of its appeal of the decision with respect to its pre-qualification rating, ***no later than ten business days following the date of the District's initial notice to the Contractor that the District determined the Contractor failed to pre-qualify.*** Without a timely appeal, the Contractor waives any and all rights to challenge the decision of the District, whether by administrative process, judicial process or any other legal process or proceeding.

No bid will be accepted from a Bidder/Contractor who is not licensed as a General Building Contractor "Class B" in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III, of the Business and Professions Code, Section 7000, et seq., known as the Contractors License Law.

If the Contractor gives the required notice of appeal and requests a hearing, the hearing shall be conducted so that it is concluded ***no later than twenty business days*** after the District's receipt of the written notice of appeal, and no later than five business days prior to the last date for the receipt of bids on the project. The hearing shall be an informal process conducted by the District's Board of Directors (the "Appeals Panel"). Prior to the hearing, the Contractor will be advised of the basis for the District's pre-qualification determination. The Contractor will be given the opportunity to present information and present reasons in opposition to the rating. ***Within ten business days after the conclusion of the hearing***, the Appeals Panel will render its decision. Delivery of the decision will be sent by the District by certified mail. It is the intention of the District that the date for the submission and opening of bids will not be delayed or postponed to allow for completion of an appeal process.

Note: In addition, a contractor may be found not pre-qualified for either:

- (1) Omission of requested information or
- (2) Falsification of information

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SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

PRE-QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR BIDDERS ON PUBLIC WORKS FIRE STATION PROJECTS

CONTACT INFORMATION

Firm Name: _____ Check One: ☐ Corporation
(as it appears on license) ☐ Partnership
☐ Sole Prop.

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

If firm is a sole proprietor or partnership:

Owner(s) of Company _____

Contractor's License Number(s):

PART I. ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFICATION

Contractor will be immediately disqualified by the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (District) if the answer to any of questions 1 through 6 is “no.”¹

Contractor will be immediately disqualified if the answer to any of questions 7, 8, 9 or 10 is “yes.”² If the answer to question 9 is “yes,” and if debarment would be the sole reason for denial of pre-qualification, any pre-qualification issued will exclude the debarment period.

1. Contractor possesses a valid and current California Contractor’s license for the project or projects for which it intends to submit a bid.
☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Contractor has a liability insurance policy with a policy limit of at least \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 aggregate.
☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Contractor has current workers’ compensation insurance policy as required by the Labor Code or is legally self-insured pursuant to Labor Code section 3700 et. seq.
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Contractor is exempt from this requirement, because it has no employees
4. Have you attached your latest copy of a reviewed financial statement with accompanying notes and supplemental information.³
☐ Yes ☐ No

NOTE: A financial statement that is neither reviewed nor audited is unacceptable. A letter verifying availability of a line of credit may also be attached; however, it will be considered as supplemental information only, and is not a substitute for the required financial statement.

5. Have you attached a notarized statement from an admitted surety insurer (approved by the California Department of Insurance) and authorized to issue bonds in the State of California, which states: (a) that your current bonding capacity is sufficient for the project for which

¹ A “no” answer to Question 4 will not be disqualifying if the contractor is exempt from complying with Question 4, for reasons explained in footnote 3.

² A contractor disqualified solely because of a “Yes” answer given to questions 7, 8, 9, or 10 may appeal the disqualification and provide an explanation of the relevant circumstances during the appeal procedure.

³ Public Contract Code section 20101(e) exempts from this requirement a contractor who has qualified as a small business pursuant to Government Code section 14837(d)(1), if the bid is “no more than 25 per cent of the qualifying amount provided in section 14837(d)(1).” As of January 1, 2001, the qualifying amount is \$10 million, and 25 per cent of that amount, therefore, is \$2.5 million.

you seek pre-qualification if you are seeking pre-qualification for a single project; or (if you are seeking pre-qualification valid for a year) (b) your current available bonding capacity?⁴

☐ Yes ☐ No

NOTE: Notarized statement must be from the surety company, not an agent or broker.

6. Contractor's Insurance Policies include Worker's Compensation insurance coverage as required by statute, Automobile Insurance coverage for any and all employees and subcontractor's in the amount of \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 aggregate, as well as Employment Liability coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 aggregate.

☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Has your contractor's license been revoked at any time in the last five years?

☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Has a surety firm completed a contract on your behalf, or paid for completion because your firm was default terminated by the project owner within the last five (5) years?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9. At the time of submitting this pre-qualification form, is your firm ineligible to bid on or be awarded a public works contract, or perform as a subcontractor on a public works contract, pursuant to either Labor Code section 1777.1 or Labor Code section 1777.7?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If the answer is "Yes," state the beginning and ending dates of the period of debarment:

10. At any time during the last five years, has your firm, or any of its owners or officers been convicted of a crime involving the awarding of a contract of a government construction project, or the bidding or performance of a government contract?

☐ Yes ☐ No

⁴ An additional notarized statement from the surety may be requested by the District at the time of submission of a bid, if this pre-qualification package is submitted more than 60 days prior to submission of the bid.

PART II. ORGANIZATION, HISTORY, ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE, COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LAWS

A. Current Organization and Structure of the Business

For Firms That Are Corporations:

- 1a. Date incorporated : _____
- 1b. Under the laws of what state: _____
- 1c. Provide all the following information for each person who is either (a) an officer of the corporation (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer), or (b) the owner of at least ten per cent of the corporation's stock.

Name	Position	Years with Co.	% Ownership	Social Security #

- 1d. Identify every construction firm that any person listed above has been associated with (as owner, general partner, limited partner or officer) at any time during the last five years.

NOTE: For this question, "owner" and "partner" refer to ownership of ten per cent or more of the business, or 10 per cent or more of its stock, if the business is a corporation.

Person's Name	Construction Firm	Dates of Person's Participation with Firm

For Firms That Are Partnerships:

- 1a. Date of formation: _____
- 1b. Under the laws of what state: _____
- 1c. Provide all the following information for each partner who owns 10 per cent or more of the firm.

Name	Position	Years with Co.	% Ownership	Social Security #

- 1d. Identify every construction company that any partner has been associated with (as owner, general partner, limited partner or officer) at any time during the last five years.

NOTE: For this question, “owner” and “partner” refer to ownership of ten per cent or more of the business, or ten per cent or more of its stock, if the business is a corporation.

Person's Name	Construction Company	Dates of Person's Participation with Company

For Firms That Are Sole Proprietorships:

- 1a. Date of commencement of business. _____
- 1b. Social security number of company owner. _____
- 1c. Identify every construction firm that the business owner has been associated with (as owner, general partner, limited partner or officer) at any time during the last five years.

NOTE: For this question, “owner” and “partner” refer to ownership of ten per cent or more of the business, or ten per cent or more of its stock, if the business is a corporation.

Person's Name	Construction Company	Dates of Person's Participation with Company

For Firms That Intend to Make a Bid as Part of a Joint Venture:

- 1a. Date of commencement of joint venture. _____
- 1b. Provide all of the following information for each firm that is a member of the joint venture that expects to bid on one or more projects:

Name of firm	% Ownership of Joint Venture

B. History of the Business and Organizational Performance

2. Has there been any change in ownership of the firm at any time during the last three years?
- NOTE: A corporation whose shares are publicly traded is not required to answer this question.**

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," explain on a separate signed page.

3. Is the firm a subsidiary, parent, holding company or affiliate of another construction firm?
NOTE: Include information about other firms if one firm owns 50 per cent or more of another, or if an owner, partner, or officer of your firm holds a similar position in another firm.

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," explain on a separate signed page.

4. Are any corporate officers, partners or owners connected to any other construction firms.
NOTE: Include information about other firms if an owner, partner, or officer of your firm holds a similar position in another firm.

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," explain on a separate signed page.

5. State your firm's gross revenues for each of the last three years:

6. How many years has your organization been in business in California as a contractor under your present business name and license number? _____ years

7. Is your firm currently the debtor in a bankruptcy case?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," please attach a copy of the bankruptcy petition, showing the case number, and the date on which the petition was filed.

8. Was your firm in bankruptcy at any time during the last five years? (This question refers only to a bankruptcy action that was not described in answer to question 7, above)

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," please attach a copy of the bankruptcy petition, showing the case number and the date on which the petition was filed, and a copy of the Bankruptcy Court's discharge order, or of any other document that ended the case, if no discharge order was issued.

Licenses

9. List all California construction license numbers, classifications and expiration dates of the California contractor licenses held by your firm:

10. If any of your firm's license(s) are held in the name of a corporation or partnership, list below the names of the qualifying individual(s) listed on the CSLB records who meet(s) the experience and examination requirements for each license.
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11. Has your firm changed names or license number in the past five years?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If "yes," explain on a separate signed page, including the reason for the change.
12. Has any owner, partner or (for corporations:) officer of your firm operated a construction firm under any other name in the last five years?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If "yes," explain on a separate signed page, including the reason for the change.
13. Has any CSLB license held by your firm or its Responsible Managing Employee (RME) or Responsible Managing Officer (RMO) been suspended within the last five years?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If "yes," please explain on a separate signed sheet.

Disputes

14. At any time in the last five years has your firm been assessed and paid liquidated damages after completion of a project under a construction contract with either a public or private owner?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, explain on a separate signed page, identifying all such projects by owner, owner's address, the date of completion of the project, amount of liquidated damages assessed and all other information necessary to fully explain the assessment of liquidated damages.
15. In the last five years has your firm, or any firm with which any of your company's owners, officers or partners was associated, been debarred, disqualified, removed or otherwise prevented from bidding on, or completing, any government agency or public works project for any reason?
NOTE: "Associated with" refers to another construction firm in which an owner, partner or officer of your firm held a similar position, and which is listed in response to question 1c or 1d on this form.
☐ Yes ☐ No
If "yes," explain on a separate signed page. State whether the firm involved was the firm applying for pre-qualification here or another firm. Identify by name of the company, the name of the person within your firm who was associated with that company, the year of the event, the owner of the project, the project and the basis for the action.
16. In the last five years has your firm been denied an award of a public works contract based on a finding by a public agency that your company was not a responsible bidder?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “yes,” explain on a separate signed page. Identify the year of the event, the owner, the project and the basis for the finding by the public agency.

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NOTE: The following two questions refer only to disputes between your firm and the owner of a project. You need not include information about disputes between your firm and a supplier, another contractor, or subcontractor. You need not include information about “pass-through” disputes in which the actual dispute is between a sub-contractor and a project owner. Also, you may omit reference to all disputes in amounts of less than \$10,000.

17. In the past five years has any claim **against** your firm concerning your firm’s work on a construction project been **filed in court or arbitration?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “yes,” on separate signed sheets of paper identify the claim(s) by providing the project name, date of the claim, name of the claimant, a brief description of the nature of the claim, the court in which the case was filed and a brief description of the status of the claim (pending or, if resolved, a brief description of the resolution).

18. In the past five years has your firm made any claim against a project owner concerning work on a project or payment for a contract and **filed that claim in court or arbitration?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “yes,” on separate signed sheets of paper identify the claim by providing the project name, date of the claim, name of the entity (or entities) against whom the claim was filed, a brief description of the nature of the claim, the court in which the case was filed and a brief description of the status of the claim (pending, or if resolved, a brief description of the resolution).

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19. At any time during the past five years, has any surety company made any payments on your firm’s behalf as a result of a default, to satisfy any claims made against a performance or payment bond issued on your firm’s behalf, in connection with a construction project, either public or private?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “yes,” explain on a separate signed page the amount of each such claim, the name and telephone number of the claimant, the date of the claim, the grounds for the claim, the present status of the claim, the date of resolution of such claim if resolved, the method by which such was resolved if resolved, the nature of the resolution and the amount, if any, at which the claim was resolved.

20. In the last five years has any insurance carrier, for any form of insurance, refused to renew the insurance policy for your firm?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “yes,” explain on a separate signed page. Name the insurance carrier, the form of insurance and the year of the refusal.

Criminal Matters and Related Civil Suits

21. Has your firm or any of its owners, officers or partners ever been found liable in a civil suit or found guilty in a criminal action for making any false claim or material misrepresentation to any public agency or entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “yes,” explain on a separate signed page, including identifying information of the name of the person(s) who were involved, the name of the public agency, the date of the investigation and the grounds for the finding.

22. Has your firm or any of its owners, officers or partners ever been convicted of a crime involving any federal, state, or local law related to construction?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “yes,” explain on a separate signed page, including identifying information of the name of the person(s) who were involved, the name of the public agency, the date of the conviction and the grounds for the conviction.

23. Has your firm or any of its owners, officers or partners ever been convicted of a federal or state crime of fraud, theft, or any other act of dishonesty?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “yes,” identify on a separate signed page the person or persons convicted, the court (the county if a state court, the district or location of the federal court), the year and the criminal conduct.

Bonding

24. Bonding capacity: Provide documentation from your surety identifying the following:

Name of bonding company/surety: _____

Name of surety agent, address and telephone number:

25. If your firm was required to pay a premium of more than one per cent for a performance and payment bond on any project(s) on which your firm worked at any time during the last three years, state the percentage that your firm was required to pay. You may provide an explanation for a percentage rate higher than one per cent, if you wish to do so.

26. List all other sureties (name and full address) that have written bonds for your firm during the last five years, including the dates during which each wrote the bonds:

27. During the last five years, has your firm ever been denied bond coverage by a surety company, or has there ever been a period of time when your firm had no surety bond in place during a public construction project when one was required?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide details on a separate signed sheet indicating the date when your firm was denied coverage and the name of the company or companies which denied coverage; and the period during which you had no surety bond in place.

C. Compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Laws and with Other Labor Legislation Safety

28. Has CAL OSHA cited and assessed penalties against your firm for any “serious,” “willful” or “repeat” violations of its safety or health regulations in the past five years?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “yes,” attached a separate signed page describing the citations, including information about the dates of the citations, the nature of the violation, the project on which the citation(s) was or were issued, the amount of penalty paid, if any. If the citation was appealed to the Occupational Safety and Health Appeals Board and a decision has been issued, state the case number and the date of the decision.

29. Has the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited and assessed penalties against your firm in the past five years?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “yes,” attach a separate signed page describing each citation.

30. Has the EPA or any Air Quality Management District or any Regional Water Quality Control Board cited and assessed penalties against either your firm or the owner of a project on which your firm was the contractor, in the past five years?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “yes,” attach a separate signed page describing each citation.

31. How often do you require documented safety meetings to be held for construction employees and field supervisors during the course of a project?

32. List your firm's Experience Modification Rate (EMR) (California workers' compensation insurance) for each of the past three premium years:
NOTE: An Experience Modification Rate is issued to your firm annually by your workers' compensation insurance carrier.

Current year: _____

Previous year: _____

Year prior to previous year: _____

If your EMR for any of these three years is or was 1.00 or higher you may, if you wish, attach a letter of explanation.

33. Within the last five years has there ever been a period when your firm had employees but was without workers' compensation insurance or state-approved self-insurance?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," please explain the reason for the absence of workers' compensation insurance on a separate signed page. If "No," please provide a statement by your current workers' compensation insurance carrier that verifies periods of workers' compensation insurance coverage for the last five years. (If your firm has been in the construction business for less than five years, provide a statement by your workers' compensation insurance carrier verifying continuous workers' compensation insurance coverage for the period that your firm has been in the construction business.)

Prevailing Wage and Apprenticeship Compliance Record

34. Has there been more than one occasion during the last five years in which your firm was required to pay either back wages or penalties for your own firm's failure to comply with the **state's** prevailing wage laws?

NOTE: This question refers only to your own firm's violation of prevailing wage laws, not to violations of the prevailing wage laws by a subcontractor.

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," attach a separate signed page or pages, describing the nature of each violation, identifying the name of the project, the date of its completion, the public agency for which it was constructed; the number of employees who were initially underpaid and the amount of back wages and penalties that you were required to pay.

35. During the last five years, has there been more than one occasion in which your own firm has been penalized or required to pay back wages for failure to comply with the **federal** Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," attach a separate signed page or pages describing the nature of the violation, identifying the name of the project, the date of its completion, the public agency for which it was constructed; the number of employees who were initially underpaid, the

amount of back wages you were required to pay along with the amount of any penalty paid.

36. Provide the **name, address and telephone number** of the apprenticeship program (approved by the California Apprenticeship Council) from whom you intend to request the dispatch of apprentices to your company for use on any public work project for which you are awarded a contract by the District.

37. If your firm operates its own State-approved apprenticeship program:

- (a) Identify the craft or crafts in which your firm provided apprenticeship training in the past year.
- (b) State the year in which each such apprenticeship program was approved, and attach evidence of the most recent California Apprenticeship Council approval(s) of your apprenticeship program(s).
- (c) State the number of individuals who were employed by your firm as apprentices at any time during the past three years in each apprenticeship and the number of persons who, during the past three years, completed apprenticeships in each craft while employed by your firm.

38. At any time during the last five years, has your firm been found to have violated any provision of California apprenticeship laws or regulations, or the laws pertaining to use of apprentices on public works?

NOTE: You may omit reference to any incident that occurred prior to January 1, 1998, if the violation was by a subcontractor and your firm, as general contractor on a project, had no knowledge of the subcontractor's violation at the time they occurred.

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," provide the date(s) of such findings, and attach copies of the Department's final decision(s).

PART III. RECENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COMPLETED

39. Contractor shall provide information about its six most recently completed public works projects and its three largest completed private projects within the last three years.⁵ Names and references must be current and verifiable. Use separate sheets of paper that contain all of the following information:

Project Name: _____

Location: _____

Owner: _____

Owner Contact (name and current phone number):

Architect or Engineer: _____

Architect or Engineer Contact (name and current phone number):

Construction Manager (name and current phone number):

Description of Project, Scope of Work Performed:

Total Value of Construction (including change orders): _____

Original Scheduled Completion Date: _____

Time Extensions Granted (number of days): _____

Actual Date of Completion: _____

⁵ If you wish, you may, using the same format, also provide information about other projects that you have completed that are similar to the project(s) for which you expect to bid.

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I, the undersigned, certify and declare that I have read all the foregoing answers to this prequalification questionnaire and know their contents. The matters stated in the questionnaire answers are true of my own knowledge and belief, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated:

(Name)